

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-24. (Canceled).

25. (Canceled).

26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) An anoscope comprising a first hollow body open at opposite ends and a second hollow body open at opposite ends shapingly coupled with said first hollow body and arranged to coaxially rotate inside said first hollow body, said second hollow body being provided with a window arranged to make a portion of rectal mucous membrane accessible, wherein an angular positioning element is provided to adjust the relative angular position of said second hollow body in said first hollow body in preset reciprocal angular positions, said reciprocal angular positions corresponding to a same number of positions that can be taken up by said window, wherein the first and second hollow bodies are rotatable relative to one another while the operating window maintains a constant size and allows access to the rectal mucous membrane at all of said reciprocal angular positions, wherein said first hollow body comprises a first truncated-cone portion and has an edge that is comprised in a base of said first truncated-cone portion, said edge comprising a plurality of notches, wherein said second hollow body comprises a rotation segment and an operating segment that can be

associated with one another before use, said angular positioning element being integral with said rotation segment, wherein said angular positioning element comprises a plurality of teeth, said plurality of teeth comprising a locking tooth that comprises a recess housing a peg, wherein the rotation of said angular positioning element can be locked by an interaction between said peg and each of said notches.

28. (Previously Presented) An anoscope according to claim 27, wherein said window has dimensions and a shape such as to enable a surgical device to intervene on said portion.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim~~[[29]]~~ 27, wherein said first truncated-cone portion is solidly connected with a second truncated-cone portion that has a progressively decreasing cross-section.

31. (Previously Presented) An anoscope according to claim 30, wherein said second truncated-cone portion is solidly connected with a third truncated-cone portion that protrudes from a part opposite said first truncated-cone portion and has a progressively decreasing cross-section.

Claims 32-34. (Canceled).

35. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim ~~34~~ 27, wherein said window is arranged on said operating segment.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim ~~25~~ 27, wherein said operating window is defined by a U-shaped cut.

38. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim ~~25~~ 27, wherein said window opens near to the point that can be reached by the tip of an index finger of a hand of an individual of medium build, by inserting said index finger inside said second hollow body.

39. (Canceled).

40. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim ~~39~~ 27, wherein said notches are 6 in number.

41. (Previously Presented) An anoscope according to claim 40, wherein said notches are arranged along said edge according to the hours on an imaginary clock-face.

42. (Previously Presented) An anoscope according to claim 41, wherein said notches are arranged at 1 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 5 o'clock, 7 o'clock, 9 o'clock, 11 o'clock.

Claims 43-46. (Canceled).

47. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim ~~46~~ 27, comprising an elastic element interposed between said peg and the bottom of said recess.

48. (Canceled).

49. (Canceled).

50. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim ~~25~~ 27, wherein the operating window is positioned beyond the distal end of the first hollow body.

51. (Previously Presented) An anoscope according to claim 27, wherein the preset angular positions correspond to arterial branches of a patient's rectal wall.

52. (Canceled).

53. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim 37, wherein a convex portion of the U-shaped operating window is oriented towards the first hollow body, and an open end of the U-shaped operating window is arranged at a distal end of the second hollow body.

54. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim 27, wherein the window of the second hollow body is provided at a distal end of the second hollow body, and the second hollow body protrudes outside and beyond a distal end of the first hollow body.

55. (Currently Amended) An anoscope according to claim 27, wherein the positioning element includes a locking member that maintains alignment with the window during rotation of the second hollow body.

56. (Canceled).